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A Quarterly Publication of the WATER Center

The WATER Center is a project of the City of Wichita's Public Works Department

Energy Fair — January 22-23, 2010

2010 Regional Energy & Sustainability Conference
WSU Metroplex, 5015 East 29th Street North

FREE Admission

The Wichita Regional Energy Conference and Fair will provide an opportunity to participate in an exceptional event focused on energy savings and protection of the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

Friday, January 22nd will have a conference feel and offer sessions on alternative energy, sustainability and air pollution reduction. Sessions will be tailored to business and government personnel.

Saturday, January 23rd will repeat Friday's sessions also include children's activities, exhibits and demonstrations. Bring the family!

For more information visit www.wichita.gov or call Becky Lewis at 316-268-8355

Senior Wednesdays

First Wednesdays—1:30 PM
Active Adults - No registration needed

Senior Wednesdays are informational and entertaining sessions, designed for active seniors and offered by a collaboration of ten institutions.

Funding for this project was provided in part by the Kansas Health Foundation, Wichita, KS. The Kansas Health Foundation is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to improve the health of all Kansans.

January 6

Do you CARE about Wichita's environment?, by Tonya Bronleewe: Senior Wednesday participants recently took part in the CARE program's citizen survey of Wichita's environmental priorities. Be a part of the next step!

February 3

Tai Chi, by David Larsen: Several Tai Chi forms are inspired by water and water animals. Wear some comfortable clothes and come try a new low-impact exercise.

March 3

Wichita's Architecture, by Kathy Morgan: The WATER Center's architecture is very contemporary. Learn about other styles that define the character of Wichita.

Meetings & Events

Visitors are welcome to attend any of the following public meetings held each month at the WATER Center.

January

6th **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM
11th **Arkansas River Coalition**
6:00-9:00 PM

February

3rd **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM

March

3rd **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM
8th **Arkansas River Coalition**
6:00-9:00 PM

FISH FEEDINGS

Every Monday and Friday
3:00 PM

Learning Center is Open From:
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Closed Holidays

The WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee
is located in
Herman Hill Park
Open daily sunrise to sunset
18-hole disc golf course
Accessible trails
Playground equipment
Picnic areas

Skateboarding, swimming and fishing are prohibited



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The WATER Center

Winter & Spring Programs—2010

FISH TALES STORY TIME

0–7 Year Olds

FISH TALES

Second Tuesday of every month

No registration needed

FREE

10:00 AM

Join the WATER Center staff for story time and a nature activity! This program is designed for Pre-K aged children, but all are welcome to attend. Looking for more “wet” reading? Check out your local library for more tales!

January 12th

The Mitten by Jan Brett Activity: Make a clay track print

February 9th

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Trout by Teri Sloat
Activity: Feed the fish and ducks

March 9th

Not Norman by Kelly Bennett Activity: Make a goldfish print

WATER WONDER FAMILY PROGRAMS

All Ages

The “Water Wonder” Family Programs are designed specifically for family groups who want to learn more about water-related topics. What is a water-related topic? Almost anything! Come discover why what is so unique and amazing, what creatures survive in soggy habitats, water conservation techniques, local water history, and more!

The “Water Wonder Family Programs” are economical: \$10 for a group of one to six people. Additional individuals are \$2 each. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Children who attend must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration Required—Class limit 36

To register, call or email program coordinator, Libby Albers at: 316-337-9262 or lalbers@wichita.gov

TINY WATER WORLDS

\$10/GROUP

March 16th, 10 AM—11:30 AM

The fish and ducks at the WATER Center are easy to see, but what else lives below the surface of the water? We'll explore the creek side to collect some tiny animals that call the water “home.” *Please wear clothes that can get a little wet and dirty.*

BEYOND MUD PIES

\$10/GROUP

March 17th, 10 AM—11:30 AM

Soil is not just for gardening or making mud pies—it can make great art too! Your family will create a piece of art to take home using paints and other mediums created from native Kansas soils. *Please wear clothes that can get dirty.*

YOUTH VOLUNTEER DAYS

8–18 Year-Olds

YOUTH VOLUNTEER DAYS

FREE

Tuesday, January 19, 2-4 PM

Friday, February 12, 2-4 PM

Monday, March 15, 2-4 PM

Pre-registration Required—Class limit 10

To register, call or email program coordinator, Libby Albers at: 316-337-9262 or lalbers@wichita.gov

Youth should dress to be outside in clothing that may get dirty and/or wet. Participants will help the WATER Center staff with special projects in the park.

Youth volunteer days are often scheduled in conjunction with USD259's In-service Days.

Field Trips

Teachers! Home Schools! Looking for a new destination that will also meet State Standards and Indicators?

Our field trips incorporate:

- Science as Inquiry
- Investigative learning
- Life Science
- History and Nature of Science
- Science in Personal and Environmental Perspectives

Customize your field trip to include activities that meet your classroom goals.

Some options include:

- Tour of the remediation plant
- Water sampling of the creek and river
- Macro-invertebrate investigation
- Build a watershed
- Conservation activities
- Journey through the water cycle



Call today to book your trip! 316-337-9262